

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 commencing at 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room

Those Present: P Acton (Chairman), P Ramsden, C Hogg, L Robson, C Miller (Clerk)

2022/01 Apologies for Absence

R Taylor, J Spearman

2022/02 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items

There were no declaration of interests.

2022/03 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 4th November 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th November 2021 be accepted as a true record.

2022/04 Trees on unnamed road to Great Bavington

County Council had confirmed in November 2021 they were to inspect the trees for ash die back, however no further information had been received. The trees were felt to be a danger to the public and it was resolved Clerk would recontact County Council.

2022/05 Ray Wind Farm Fund

2022/05/01 To receive update

Fund now available to all, not only for Covid hardship purposes. From June 2022 all funds to be administered through the Ray Wind Farm Fund, however small grant scheme process to be confirmed. A further community consultation to be undertaken, with the opportunity for parishioners to be involved with the Community Interest Company. A vast array of storage batteries were to be placed at the wind farm site.

2022/05/02 To receive information regarding B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters

There was a degree of frustration with the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Government Department not yet having sanctioned the project, with the general opinion being lobbying of MP's now required. The proposed start date B4RN were working on was 22/8/22 - Barrasford project now ready to go (with group wanting this date brought forward), and which would take almost a year to build. It was resolved Clerk would contact Guy Opperman, MP, to voice concerns about the delay, and request he lobbies the DCMS.

2022/06 To consider Queen's Platinum Celebrations June 2022

County Council were running a scheme whereby community groups/Parish Council's can apply for a £500 grant, and it was resolved to apply for grant monies to arrange a community barbecue and children's entertainment, with Parish Council to contribute £500. P Ramsden to contact parishioners to seek volunteers to organise the event.

2022/07 Finance

2022/07/01 To approve payments:

- C Miller – annual salary and expenses - £647.47
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £130.20

It was resolved to approve the payments

2022/07/02 To consider grant request from Tynedale Hospice at Home

It was resolved to grant £100 to Tynedale Hospice at Home.

2022/07/03 To receive grant acknowledgement from Great North Air Ambulance

Acknowledgement of grant from Great North Air Ambulance noted.

2022/08 Planning

2022/08/01 Planning Applications received

- 20/03660/CCMEIA: Divet Hill Quarry, Capheaton – Lateral extension of north of existing quarry boundary for the phased extraction of approximately 2.7million tonnes of whinstone and restoration of site to agricultural grassland and nature conservation uses – two statutory consultees had requested further information and an additional environmental report had been compiled by the applicant. The Public Protection Officer had confirmed reassurance with the report and would be happy to see the plan approved, subject to certain planning conditions. The Heritage Officer had not yet commented. It was resolved P Ramsden would compile response to state the concerns had not been addressed adequately within the report, along with concerns relating to the water table. The application states “in conclusion the overall excavation should remain stable (in relation to the road). If parameters are found to be different, the configuration may have to be amended to reduce the likelihood of failure. The heritage assessment contained inaccuracies relating to photographic locations. Ongoing filth on the road due to quarry practices of high concern. It was resolved concerns regarding the above would also be included in Parish Council response, and concerns would be forwarded to County Council Highway’s regarding water and filth coming from the quarry/blocked drains.

2022/09 Northumberland County Council – Storm Arwen Review

On-line consultation being held. It was resolved to comment communications to parishioners during emergencies, other than electronic, was required; securing of a mobile network imperative; and thorough robust inspections of infrastructure, with lines the required distance from trees.

2022/10 Review of Internal Auditor and Internal Controls

It was resolved to retain the services of the present internal auditor, D Metcalfe.

It was resolved the current internal controls were sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2022/11 Review of Risk Assessment

It was resolved the document was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2022/12 Review of Asset Register

It was resolved the Asset Register was an accurate record of the Parish Council assets.

2022/13 Review of insurance policy


It was resolved the current insurance policy was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council. Public liability currently £10million and other insurance values included in Risk Assessment.

2022/14 Any other Urgent Business/Items for Next Meeting

There was no other urgent business/items for next meeting.

2022/15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be the Annual meeting to be held on Thursday 5th May 2022 commencing after the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm



The meeting closed at 815pm

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk